

## SC-Alt and SC-NCSC Comparison Chart

Test Characteristics	SC-Alt	SC-NCSC
Content Assessed	Science and Social Studies	ELA and Math
Test Window	March 7- April 22	March 7- April 29
Grades Assessed	Grades 4-8 and 11 (Biology)	Grades 3-8 and 11
Ages Assessed	Ages 9-13 and 16	Ages 8-13 and 16
Training	All test administrators must be trained. Regional training workshops for new test administrators and onsite district training for all test administrators	All test administrators must be trained. Online training modules are available in the SC-NCSC Assessment system for TAs and DTCs-Alt
Design	Grade-band	Grade specific
Delivery	Paper	Computer (option to order or print paper materials)
Format	Tasks with series of items	Items
Responses	Scaffolded responses including an option for no response (N).	No scaffolding and no option for a no response. If the student does not respond, leave blank
Monitors	Required	Required
Test Security Affidavit	Required (included in answer folder)	Required (included in school shipment with precode label)
Second Rater	A sample of students will be selected for a second rater to observe the science or biology administration.	Not Required
Determining starting and stopping points in the assessment	Use Student Placement Questionnaire (SPQ) located in the student answer folder to determine where the student starts the test. Student is required to take set number of tasks based on starting point.	Use Student Response Check (SRC) if the test administrator is not sure if student demonstrates an observable mode of communication. If the student does not demonstrate an observable mode of communication on the SRC, administer first 4 items in either ELA or math test. If the student does not demonstrate observable mode of communication on the first 4 items, close the test. If student demonstrates observable mode of communication on at least one of the first 4 items, continue to the end of the assessment.
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